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Dear Dave,

Your notes on Legend (4/5/78) and especiallt the excerpts from Sanche de Gramont's "The Secret War," are significant in questioning (if not destroying) one of the basic and entirely unproven allegations in "Legend," that whatever Oswald could have known about the U-2 was not known to other countries.

The publication in the USSR and Japan demolish any conjecture about secrecy. The visible design alone said very high altitude if the USSR had no other knowledge.

I recall the flameout story as the first the CIA and others put out. I have no idea of what really downed Powers.

However, for the Cuba missle crisis period the USSR did have accurate high-altitude rockets. I presume they did not get developed overnight. I'm inclined to believe that in order to use them the USSR had to have coinciding electronic capabilities, regardless of what Epstein, without even a smell of proof, says.

Very good.

If one of the students wants to undertake a research project on this, such US pubs as Aviation Week might disclose more.

The waste of time with CBS does make a good record.

Best,